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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (June 16 - 23, 2008)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the June 16 - 23, 2008 reporting period, one security official was killed and four were injured in clashes. The total number of security forces casualties for the year through June 23, 2008, was 52 killed and 75 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, five PKK terrorists were killed in clashes. Four PKKers were captured and 11 surrendered. According to official TGS website figures, through the third week of June, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 500, the number of those captured was 104, and the number of those who surrendered was ¶80.

¶4. (U) One civilian was injured when he stepped on a PKK landmine on June 16 in Semdinli, Hakkari. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the third week of June was 17 killed, with another 66 wounded.

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